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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Registration Goat Hunt Permits in Subunit 14A Limited to 15**

(Palmer) – The Alaska Department of Fish & Game announces that only 15 registration permits will be issued for the goat hunts in Subunit 14A of the Chugach Mountains that are scheduled to open on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

During the summer of 2012, biologists counted 125 goats, well below the count of 198 goats from the previous year. Biologists have not determined a definitive answer as to why the population appears to have declined, but suspect that the deep snow during the 2011-2012 winter may be partially responsible.

As a result of this low count, and to keep the harvest within recommended limits, the department will issue only 15 permits for the registration goat hunts in Subunit 14A (5 permits for the RG890, and 10 permits for the RG891). The registration goat hunts are scheduled to start on October 10<sup>th</sup> and will close by emergency order when the harvest quota is reached.

Hunters can apply for a Subunit 14A registration goat permit online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> or in person at the Palmer or Anchorage Fish and Game offices beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For more information about goat hunting opportunities in Subunit 14A, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Palmer at (907) 746-6300.

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